



FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU

**FIREWORKS WHICH MAY BE LAWFULLY PURCHASED,
POSSESSED, OR DISCHARGED BY THE PUBLIC DURING THE
INDEPENDENCE DAY AND NEW YEARS CELEBRATIONS**

Check with the local authorities before discharging fireworks.

R.C.W. 70.77.136 states: *"Consumer fireworks" means any small firework device designed to produce visible effects by combustion..." and "...classified as fireworks UN0336 by the United States department of transportation..."*

R.C.W. 70.77.401 states: *"No fireworks may be sold or offered for sale to the public as consumer fireworks which are classified as sky rockets, or missile-type rockets, firecrackers, salutes, or chasers as defined by the United States department of transportation and the federal consumer products safety commission..."*

SPARKLER: Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition.

CYLINDRICAL FOUNTAIN: Cylindrical tubes containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, a shower of colored sparks and sometimes a whistling effect is produced. This device may be provided with a spike for insertion into the ground [spike fountain], a wood or plastic base for placing on the ground [base fountain], or a wood or cardboard handle if intended to be hand-held [handle fountain].

CONE FOUNTAIN: Cardboard or heavy paper cone containing pyrotechnic composition. The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain.

ILLUMINATING TORCH: Cylindrical tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, colored fire is produced. May be spike, base, or hand-held.

WHEEL: Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Each wheel may contain up to six driver units containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves producing a shower of color and sparks and, sometimes, a whistling effect.

GROUND SPINNERS: Small device similar to a wheel in design and effect, placed on the ground and ignited. A shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.

FLITTER SPARKLER: Narrow paper tube containing pyrotechnic composition which produces color and sparks upon ignition. This device does not have a fuse for ignition. The paper at one end of the tube is ignited to make the device function.

MINE/SHELL: Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base and containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, "stars" or other devices are propelled into the air. The tube remains on the ground.

COMBINATION ITEMS: Firework devices containing a combination of two (2) or more of the effects described in this section.

SMOKE DEVICE: Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition which, upon ignition, produces white or colored smoke as the primary effect.

HELICOPTER/AERIAL SPINNER: A tube containing pyrotechnic composition. A propeller or blade is attached which, upon ignition, lifts the rapidly spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of the flight.

ROMAN CANDLE: Heavy paper or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten "stars" [pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color] are individually expelled at several-second intervals.

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TIME IN WASHINGTON STATE.**

SKY ROCKET: Tubes that contain pyrotechnic composition. Sky rockets utilize a wooden stick for guidance and stability and rise into the air upon ignition. A burst of color or noise or both is produced at the height of flight.

CHASER: Small paper or cardboard tube that travels along the ground upon ignition. A whistling effect, or other noise is often produced.

MISSILE-TYPE ROCKET: A device similar to a sky rocket in size, composition, and effect which uses fins rather than a stick for guidance.

FIRE CRACKERS/SALUTES: Small, paper-wrapped or cardboard tube containing pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, noise and a flash of light are produced.